



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: N. Thomas  
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For: Multiple Assay Method

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**Response to Office Action**  
(RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION)

December 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box: RCE  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a Request for Continued Examination Transmittal letter and a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period of response three months from September 18, 2002, up to and including December 18, 2002.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 2, 4, and 10, without prejudice.